CONTINUED from DXLD 3-051:::

** ITALY. RAI INTERNATIONAL A03 TRANSMISSION SCHEDULE
valid from March 30 th:

North America:
1400-1425 17780 21520 Italian
1830-1905 17780 21520 Italian
2240-0055 9675 11800 Italian
0055-0115 9675 11800 English
0115-0130 9675 11800 French
0130-0315 9675 11800 Italian
0315-0335 9675 11800 Spanish

Central America:
0130-0230 11765 Italian

South America:
2240-0055 9840 12030 Italian
0055-0115 9840 12030 Spanish
0115-0130 9840 12030 Portuguese
0130-0230 6110   Italian
0130-0315 9840 12030 Italian
0315-0335 9840 12030 Spanish

North-Eastern Europe:
0345-0405 7235 9670 11800 Russian
0405-0425 7235 9670 11800 Ukrainian
0505-0525 9670 11800   Lithuanian
0530-0550 9670 11800   Romanian
0600-0620 11800   Russian
0630-1300 9670 11800   Italian
1335-1355 7190 9690   Albanian
1400-1415 7190 9690   Slovene
1415-1435 7190 9690   German
1435-1455 7190 9690   Croatian
1500-1520 9690 11700   Turkish
1520-1540 9690 11700   Greek
1530-1555 9670 11855   French
1540-1600 9690 11700   Bulgarian
1555-1625 9670 11855   Italian
1605-1625 9845 11700   Russian
1805-1825 5990 9605   German
1810-1825 6130 7115   Czech
1825-1840 6130 7115   Slovak
1840-1900 6130 7115   Polish
1910-1930 6130 7240   Serbian
1935-1955 6130 7240   Hungarian

1935-1955 5970 9745 English
2000-2020 6110 9745 Swedish (Mon-Wed-Fri)
2000-2020 6110 9745 Danish (Sun-Tue-Thu)
2000-2020 6110 9745 Esperanto (Saturday)
2000-2020 6185 9670 11800 Russian
2115-2135 5970 7255 Romanian
2135-2155 5970 7255 Czech
2155-2210 5970 7255 Slovak
2210-2225 5970 7255 Polish

Spain-North Africa:
0435-0500 6110 7235 9875 Italian / English
1330-1355 9670 11800 Arabic
1500-1525 9670 11925 11795 Italian
1630-1655 9670 11700 French
1700-1800 9670 11725 Italian
2025-2045 6130 7290 Arabic
2050-2110 6130 7290 Portuguese
2110-2130 6130 7290 Spanish
2135-2155 6130 7290 Arabic

Central-East Africa and Near East:
0435-0455 11900 Amharic
0455-0530 11900 Italian
0530-0550 11900 Somali
0600-0620 11900 Arabic
1630-1655 9605 11665 Arabic
1700-1800 9730 11795 15320 17800 Italian
1910-1930 9795 11890 Somali
2025-2045 6185 9670 11880 English
2050-2110 9670 11880 15240 Portuguese

Asia-Far East-Japan-Oceania:
1000-1100 11920 Italian
2205-2230 11895 English

Europe-Mediterranean:
2200-0400 6060 Notturno dall`Italia
0400-2200 6060 Radiouno
On Mediumwave:
1330-1355 567 Arabic
2200-0400 846 900 Notturno dall`Italia

Regards (via RamÛn V·zquez, Spain, DXLD)

** ITALY. COMUNICATO STAMPA
Con la presente vi invitiamo all`ascolto di RADIOMAGAZINE del 26.3.03
Che potrete trovare sul sito: HTTP://WWW.RADIOMAGAZINE.NET

Alla pagina ``ascolta il nostro settimanale`` in formato real player. Ecco gli argomenti che saranno trattati nella puntata di questa settimana: Tutto sui Media e la Guerra in Iraq.

In Medio Oriente l`accesso limitato ad INTERNET, convoglia l`attenzione sulle onde corte, unico mezzo per avere informazioni di prima mano sulla situazione. Durante la trasmissione vengono proposte le posizioni di alcune emittenti internazionali in Italiano: Radio Cairo, Voce della Russia, Radio Cina Internazionale.

Si passa poi ad alcune registrazioni dal web, in uno speciale ``sonoro`` con tutte le radio da seguire come fonte di prima mano sul conflitto irakeno: BBC, Radio Free Iraq, Radio Kuwait, Kol Israel, American Forces Radio TV, British Forces Radio, BSKSA Arabia Saudita, Radio Egiziana e la voce di Saddam.

Conclude il programma una rassegna di notizie dal mondo delle comunicazioni. Le novit‡ in rete in relazione al conflitto irakeno, il nuovo virus forse creato da Saddam, e tante altre notizie. Le precedenti puntate o quelle pi˘ interessanti, sono alla pagina ``archivio sonoro``. Mentre nella sezione ``radiomagazine story`` troverete una puntata dedicata ad INTERNET e Pedofilia, e due puntate sull`Elettrosmog.

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INFORMATIVA SULLA PRIVACY. CHI NON FOSSE INTERESSATO A RICEVERE I NOSTRI COMUNICATI PUO` INVIARE UN MESSAGGIO IN BIANCO AD UNO DEGLI INDIRIZZI SOPRA RIPORTATI, INDICANDO NELL`OGGETTO: ``cancella dalla mailing``. (via DXLD)

** JAPAN [and non]. NHK World Radio Japan A-03 Japanese. Notice on Frequency Changes in Special Transmission In light of the situation

in Iraq. R Japan has been offering a 24-hour Japanese-language service to the Middle East and North Africa on a special basis. Please be informed that the frequencies for this service will be changed starting at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday March 30 (JST). Following is a list of the new frequencies. Frequencies for other services remain unchanged.

UT	kHz	Transmission station
00-02	6025	Rampisham
02-04	9570	Rampisham
04-12	15480	Dhabayya
12-14	15165	Rampisham
14-15	17860	Rampisham
15-18	17860	Rampisham
18-22	6115	Dhabayya
22-24	6015	Dhabayya

!!!! in B-02 Japanese:

00-03	6180	Rampisham
03-04	9755	Dhabayya
04-12	15455	Dhabayya
12-15	17765	Rampisham
15-17	17765	Rampisham
17-18	5985	Dhabayya
18-20	6015	Dhabayya
20-22	6145	Dhabayya
22-24	5970	Dhabayya

(via Wolfgang Bueschel, Mar 28, DXLD)

** KURDISTAN. 4025, Voice of the People of Kurdistan, operated by the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) from Sulaymaniyah, NE Iraq, 1725-1758*, Mar 22, and 0254-0340, Mar 22 and 23, Arabic IDís: ``Idhaíat sawt Shaíb Kurdistan, sawt al-Ittihadi al-Watani al-Kurdistani``, news about Basra and Tomahawk missiles, Arabic songs. 34343 (Petersen)

4025.50v, Voice of the Liberation of Iraq, *1832-2015*v, Mar 22, 23 and 25. After playing "Land of Hope and Glory", Arabic ID: "Sawt al-tahir al-Iraq" (Voice of the Liberation of Iraq). Arabic talks about democracy in Iraq interspersed with military music. At 1900-1905 ID (``Burasi  IraqÖ``) and political talk in Turkmen or Turkish, and more Arabic from 1905. By 1930 it had drifted to 4025.34. 34434. This new clandestine, using the same frequency as the Voice of the People of Kurdistan, is no doubt U.S. supported. (Petersen).

4085 is the regularly heard Voice of Iraqi Kurdistan, broadcasting from Salah al-Din in NE Iraq. It has extended its broadcasts till 2200* and was heard here Mar 22 and 24, 1820-2200* in Surani Kurdish

and Arabic and with frequent IDís. 44434 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Mar 26 via DXLD)

VOA Kurdish expanded: see U S A

** KYRGYZSTAN. 4010, Kyrgyz R, 1600-1630, Feb 28, relays BBC in Kyrgyz Mo-Fr and BBC in Russian Sa-Su, and 1700-1710 Deutsche Welle in Russian // 4795 (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, DSWCI DX Window Mar 26 via DXLD) Times about to shift?

** LIBERIA. Of note, today (Friday March 28), we began testing our transmitter in Liberia on 11.515 MHz. This antenna is pointed up through the heart of northern Africa centered on Israel. We finalized the agreement on the three 100 kW's in the Seychelles, and our engineer will be going there later in April to begin the dismantling process (Doc Burkhart, WJIE, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBERIA. Over the last 2 evenings UT (March 27 and 28), I have heard ELWA 4760 kHz signing off after some religious programming. I don't recall hearing them the past few weeks. They are at a lower level than Radio Nigeria on 4770 but were somewhat better yesterday. Rather than signing off 2200 give or take 3 or 4 minutes as I've heard in the recent past, both days they have extended and signed off at 2232 after their NA. The programming today was leaning towards the fire and brimstone variety before signoff. (John Sgrulletta Mahopac, NY, USA JRC NRD-515/K9AY, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD) Surprise

** MALI. 11960.0, R Mali, 1117-1125, Mar 15, discussion in French on the country's medical assistance scheme; 13431 with co-channel QRM from HCJB in Spanish to Cuba; also noted 0817-fade out 0950, Mar 17, Vernacular talks, tribal songs; put a very poor signal 0845-0915 (power down?), then suddenly revived, as if a new transmitter had been switched on, till it finally faded out; an unsual and amazing 34543 rating, but still worse than on // 9635v (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DSWCI DX Window Mar 26 via DXLD)). Both frequencies were regularly strong on STP (Anker Petersen, S„o TomÈ e PrÌncipe, DSWCI DX Window March 26 via DXLD)

** MAURITANIA. 7245, R Mauritanie, *0856 and observed till very late, Mar 18; it had transmitter break down 0902-0930. 45444 at best of course. They had s/off on 4845 sometime after 0830, the signal being very poor and noisy plus with a few transmitter troubles too, so it appears that's the same transmitter used for 41 m (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DSWCI DX Window Mar 26 via DXLD) Both frequencies heard with fair reception on STP (Anker Petersen, S„o TomÈ e PrÌncipe, DSWCI DX Window March 26 via DXLD)

** MEXICO. 2390, XEJN-OC Radio Huayacocotla, 1309-1330. EscuchÈ una

canciÛn norteÒa, tipo corrido acompaÒado por acordeÛn, terminando pusieron otra; a las 1313 dieron la hora "Radio Huaya da la hora, son las siete y dieciocho...", notando que tienen su reloj adelantado 5 minutos. Luego tocaron otro corrido, luego escuchÈ una c·psula informativa hablando del Dengue, como se transmite, que sÌntomas da, cÛmo prevenirlo, terminado escuchÈ una cuÒa musical, a guitarra, hablando del dengue. Esto fue muy curioso; luego siguieron tocando m˙sica hasta las 1325 cuando dieron la hora: "Radio Huaya da la hora, son las siete y media..." y empezaron a dar noticias en N·huatl, mencionando al secretario de GonbernaciÛn Santiago Creel y de la Guerra de EE.UU. Todo con un SINPO de 33333. Receptor: Radio Shack DX-398, Antena Extrena tipo L invertida de 5 metros de longitud. Nota : XEJN Radio Huayacocotla tiene un sitio web en http://www.sjsocial.org/Radio/
(HÈctor GarcÌa Bojorge, DF, Mar 26, ConexiÛn Digital via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS. Radio Netherlands news ticker As promised last week, we've lauched this new freeware program. It's a 2 Mb download for Windows, but we advise against using it if you have a dial-up connection because it checks for news updates every 5 minutes. But if you have an always-on connection, we hope you'll find it a useful way of keeping in touch with the news from Rado Netherlands. There's full user information and screenshots on the download page at http://www.rnw.nl/special/en/html/newsclock030327.html

[non]. Extra RNW frequency due to Iraq crisis --- I've just had word from our Programme Distribution Department of a new frequency for our transmission in Dutch at 1330-1425 UT as from Sunday 30 March. We'll be using 17525 kHz beamed towards Afghanistan from a transmitter at Krasnodar near Russia's Black Sea coast. I say that with some nostalgic feelings, as 30 years ago I spent a month in that city as part of my university course (Andy Sennitt, Media Network Newsletter Mar 28 via DXLD) (also via Manfred Reiff)

** NEW ZEALAND. RNZ NEWS BOSS BLOWS WHISTLE ON BUDGET BLOWOUT
SATURDAY, 29 MARCH 2003 By JOHN DRINNAN
A Radio New Zealand executive on sick leave since mid-January has used the "whistleblower" law to raise questions about RNZ's $8 million news budget and the way it has been spent.
http://www.stuff.co.nz/inl/print/0,1478,2364374a11,00.html
(via Jilly Dybka, TN, DXLD)

** NEW ZEALAND [and non]. I have submitted information to you before, but some years ago. I do have a proposal about where I believe RNZI should go: CBC.am/rnzi.com

My RNZI web proposal has not been revised recently, but it is up to date considering the strategic climate at the moment. I have

submitted the following letter, in a slightly modified form to Kiwinews.co.nz; I hope you read some of it on the air.
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Radio NZ International's power cut to 50 kW is "Strategically Dangerous" while Gulf War II progresses.

RNZI has problems

I have campaigned in the past for RNZI to have 2 x 100 kW SW transmitters, as opposed to a single 100 kW transmitter that is now in use. The 2nd transmitter would allow for better use of SW frequencies and antennas, although the addition of the 2nd transmitter would require the construction of a separate transmitter building and modifications to the existing switch matrix and audio chain.

I am writing today because I am especially bothered by this recent news from the RNZI home page:

"Massive power price increases have prompted Radio New Zealand International to reduce transmission power from 100 to 50kw and also reduce transmission hours."

Although I firmly believe that RNZI doesn't need to run their primary (and only transmitter) at 100 kW continuously when hydro prices are elevated, powering down to 50 kW is a very bad strategic idea -- considering the current political climate with respect to the war in the Persian Gulf.

The NZ PM needs to authorize extra funds to allow RNZI to operate at 100 kW for at least 3 - 6 hours / day (variable over the standard 18 hour broadcast day) each according to the RNZI station manager's strategic judgment and ionospheric conditions. If RNZI has leftover funds from this once per decade expenditure -- let RNZI choose what to do with those funds. To do anything less than support RNZI at this time would smack of Burmese or even North Korean style isolationism.

RNZI could probably have access to more money and resources, if the current station management would allow MP's (inside and outside the ruling party) to have air time to access the Kiwis that live in Australia and the Pacific Islands. Party political messages have never violated the charter of any state run broadcaster in recorded history that I know of, so there is no risk in RNZI losing money by having party political transmissions.

It is hoped that NZ will (in future) pass legislation allowing for religious and non governmental SW broadcasting to originate from NZ.

This legislation should provide these transmission rights providing that RNZI has emergency and contractual lease access to any future SW transmission sites.

It must be noted that Australia has only recently fulfilled its Magna Carta obligations with respect to religious broadcasting on SW, but lags behind with respect to nongovernmental SW broadcasting.

I understand NZ's geopolitical stance on "Gulf War II" and the penalties created by any political decision at this time. However, fence building and fence mending will be necessary parts of NZ external policy for the next decade -- regardless any of the existing political parties views on foreign relations. I hope that RNZI soon changes its transmission schedule to (add/modify) the following foreign language services:

30 min (Arabic) @ 5 Days / week
30 min (Urdu) @ 5 Days / week
30 min (Chinese -- Mandarin + Cantonese) @ 6 Days / week
30 min (Korean) @ 6 Days / week
30 min (Hindi) @ 5 Days / week
30 min (Tamil) @ 2 Days / week
30 min (Kanada) @ 2 Days / week
30 min (Thai) @ 5 Days / week

The broadcasts could be made available as audio files, suitable for email delivery and retransmission. This will please many radio stations in South Asia. Also, some language transmissions could be combined together (i.e.: 15 min Hindi + 15 min Tamil) to save transmission costs.

All of these language services could be added via joint venture between RNZI and the foreign language departments and student radio services of the major universities in Auckland and Wellington ... at little cost to the NZ rate payer. Many foreign students (and children of recent NZ migrants) from these regions would gladly do a 6 month internship as part of their university careers.

The NZ government has been (for the past couple of PM's) too hyperisolationaist for its own good -- and this completely goes against NZ's traditional dependence on trade.

SKY TV is failing to serve NZ's needs

Sky TV NZ is not fully serving NZ's needs. I am pissed off that SKY Australia does not carry RNZI as a radio service. SKY NZ needs to be told by the NZ government radio and television authority that SKY's permission to provide service to NZ audiences implies an obligation

to carry RNZI in Australia -- as there are so many Kiwis there.

I don't believe that carrying an extra 80kbs mono audio stream will harm SKY Australia's finances. Customers come to DTH / DTV services like SKY because the DTH services offer something the customer cannot usually obtain elsewhere. Carrying RNZI will make SKY Australia more profitable than the extra nominal expense of RNZI carriage, as Kiwi customers count! Sky NZ in return could carry a similar audio stream of ABC Newsradio and Radio Australia designed for NZ needs, with equally profitable results. I am not anti-SKY TV, as I would gladly work for them if they would hire me... ("M. Power" onuj23@juno.com Mar 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGER. 9705, La Voix du Sahel, Niamey, 2005-2215, Mar 18, local songs after a few announcements in French prior to their 2200 hours TS; 25422 at 2005, but better 2215, still without QRM (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DSWCI DX Window Mar 26 via DXLD) On Mar 16 it signed off at 2200*. It is definitely on the air throughout the day, as I also heard it 0628-1045 and 1445-1615 (Anker Petersen, S„o TomÈ e PrÌncipe, DSWCI DX Window March 26 via DXLD) i.e. NBC??

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. New Frequencies! Johno here folks.....been talking pidgin to a source that I cannot name... but the 100 kw in Port Moresby...the operation to become 24 hours on the proposed frequencies...7120 and 7180 kHz. Timeframe unknown, but will have my source tell me when the time comes, as a lot of process has to be overcome. So how`s that! I don`t know the background to it all, but this will give the amateurs a right royal pain...whilst give some of the Chinese transmitters a bit of curry and vice versa (Johno Wright, Australia, Mar 24, ARDXC via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3205, R West Sepik, Vanimo, 0945-1032* (new sign off time), was only active on Mar 03-07 and 09, Tok Pinsin program; the signal was weaker than the 10 kW heard some months ago, 25332. It has been off the air since the elections last August! (Roland Schulze, Philippines, DSWCI DX Window Mar 26 via DXLD)

** PERU. 4890.08, R Macedonia, Arequipa, new station which according to http://www.uttermost.net and http://ibfe.org belongs to the ``Macedonia World Baptist Missions Inc. and the Crown College of the Bible`` in Powell, Tennessee! (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Mar 26 via DXLD)

[and non?]. MACEDONIA MISCELLANY

Samuel C·ssio in an email to me says he logged the station already on Jan 29. This logging was duly reported to ConexiÛn Digital and various Brazilian lists, and so he should be mentioned as the one who

actually discovered the new station, he says, not Bjˆrn Malm, which is what you can read on the DXing.info info page.

In Oct 2002, the Finnish DXer Jari Lehtinen, heard an unID SS gospel transmission on on 4975, at approx. 0630. For various reasons, he did not believe this was the listed Radio Del PacÌfico. He sent me an audio clip, and I found that this was an actual broadcast, with time pips, frequency info etc., from Vida FM, which is sort of a second local HCJB program aired llocally in Quito.

This leads me to think that this could have been a transmitter test arranged by HCJB engineers before shipping the transmitter to Arequipa.

I asked the DX Partyline host Allen Graham if he knew why Vida FM was aired on 4975, but he seemed to be travelling in the States, and so no answer was forthcoming at the time (Henrik Klemetz, Mar 26, dxing.info via DXLD)

** PERU. Carlos Eduardo Gammara (Radio La Hora, Cusco) confirms in an e-mail that Radio Santa MÛnica (1370) bought the shortwave license [4965] from Radio San Miguel. Heard with good signals almost every evening in Norway. 73 de OLE FORR, FRYA, N-2647 SOR-FRON NORWAY, Mar 21, dxing.info via DXLD)

** PHILIPPINES. PBS Manila audible on 9581.5 23/3, tune-in 0855, discussion program in Tagalog from 0900, smatterings of English. Re-check 0945 when had phone-in program, mentions of Manila. News 1000, seemed to go off shortly after 1010 (Craig Seager, Bathurst NSW, Rohde & Schwarz EK-890, ARDXC via DXLD) Valenzuela, actually

** QATAR. The supposed English site of al-Jazeera referenced in last issue apparently leads to something quite different, a school, rather than being hacked. What is/was the correct URL? Altho I`m sure I heard it correctly, the al was missing according to the following article: http://english.aljazeera.net (gh, DXLD)

AL-JAZEERA WEB SITE FACES CONTINUED HACKER ATTACKS
http://www.forbes.com/business/newswire/2003/03/27/rtr922027.html
(Forbes.com via Drudgereport.com: via Alton Peltier, Mar 27, DXLD)

** ROMANIA. 9550, 0242-, Radio Romania International, Mar 28. Hoping to pick up Radio Okapi, but no luck. Just the English service of RRI. Fair, almost good reception now. Much better than at 0200 when I could make out English news, but not much else. I know that Okapi was heard in California recently, but I'm surprised that RRI didn't swamp them as well. Mailbag program tonight. Read a letter from Columbus, Ohio (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria, BC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. R. Gardarika, 6245, Heard *1900-2120*, Mar 24, Russian and English IDs, Russian pop songs. Open carrier continued till about 2140*. 55545. I sent Mikhail an e-mail about this early sign off, and he wrote back Mar 25:
``Gardarika had some problems with their studio computers yesterday. They promise full 3 hours starting from this evening. By the way, their SW service is separate in full (not // 69.05 and 102.4 St. Petersburg, 73.4 and 103.1 Vyborg and 101.7 Kingisepp)``. Heard again Mar 25 with 55545 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Mar 26 via DXLD)

6245, R. Gardarika relay via St. Petersburg 2150-2201* 03/25, with massive QRM bursts, 5-15 seconds apart. 2123-2201* 03/26 with shorter, more tolerable QRM bursts, spaced approx. 60 seconds apart. RS pop music and ballads with OM IDs between songs. S/off routine over lite jazz music, repeated twice, beginning at 2156 with YL mentioning "St. Petersburg", OM mentioning "25 kilohertz, 49m band", YL mention "telephone" then OM read numbers (7812-??-29801), YL with e-mail (studio.??ru.) and PO address. IDs, OM with "Nevskyana Volna", YL with "R. Gardarika". Off at 2201 sharp both days.
(Scott R. Barbour, Jr., NH, Sangean ATS 818, RF Systems MLB-1, RS longwire w/ RDA balun, hard-core-dx via DXLD)

Only a few days left in this one`s current activity; the QRM bursts were likely from legal occupant of this utility band (gh, DXLD)

** RUSSIA. RADIO ''THE VOICE OF RUSSIA'' - RUSSIAN WORLD SERVICE (OVERSEAS BROADCASTING) TIME/FREQUENCY SCHEDULE FOR SUMMER PERIOD '2003 (Times = UTC/GMT, Frequencies = kHz)

To EUROPE:
0100-0200 = 1170, 936;
0200-0300 = 936;
1200-1300 = 1548, 1386, 1323, 1215, 1170, 1143, 999, 972, 936, 603;
1300-1400 = 1386, 1323, 1215, 603;
1500-1600 = 612 (on Mo, Tu, Th, Su);
1700-1800 = 11630*, 9480**, 5950, 1089;
1900-2000 = 15350, 12020**, 11745*, 11630*, 9820*, 9480**, 9450**, 7370, 5950, 1215, 1143, 1089, 936, 612, 603;
2000-2100 = 12030, 9890*, 9470**, 9450*, 7390, 7370, 7310**, 1215, 1143, 999, 603
NOTES: 603 and 1323 kHz - for Germany via local transmitters;
612 kHz - for Moscow Region;

To The BALTIC COUNTRIES:
1200-1300 = 1143;

1700-1800 = 11630*, 9480**;
1900-2000 = 11630*, 9820*, 9480**, 9450**, 7370, 1143;
20-00-2100 = 7370, 1143

To The UKRAINE AND MOLDAVIA:
0100-0200 = 1170, 936;
1200-1300 = 1548, 1431, 1170, 999, 972, 936;
1900-2000 = 15350, 12020**, 11745, 7370, 936;
2000-2100 = 1170, 936;

To The BYELORUSSIA:
0100-0200 = 1170;
1200-1300 = 1143, 1170;
1900-2100 = 1143

To The CAUCASIAN AREA:
1200-1300 = 1170 (on Mo, Tu, Th, Su);
1900-2000 = 12055;
2000-2100 = 12055, 1314, 234

To The CENTRAL ASIA:
0100-0200 = 1503, 972, 648;
1200-1300 = 9920, 9735**, 9485, 9470*, 1143;
1300-1400 = 1251

To The AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND and PACIFIC AREA:
1200-1300 = 11640;
1300-1400 = 11640, 7315

To ASIA and FAR EAST:
1200-1300 = 15560, 15470, 11640a, 9920, 9745, 7340a, 1143;
1300-1400 = 17645a, 15560, 15470, 11640a, 9745, 7340a, 7315, 1251;
1500-1600 = 15560, 12055, 7350
NOTES: a) - for South-East Asia

To NEAR and MIDDLE EAST:
0100-0200 = 1503, 972, 648;
1200-1300 = 9735**, 9485, 9470, 1431, 1143;
1500-1600 = 17580, 12055, 7350, 7130**, 1314,
1170 (on Mo, Tu, Th, Su)
1900-2000 = 12055, 5950, 1314, 1089, 234;
2000-2100 = 12055, 5950, 1314, 234;

To The WESTERN HEMISPHERE:
0100-0200 = 21755**, 17690, 17660, 17620*, 17565*, 15455**,
12070*, 12060, 11750, 9480, 7300**;
0200-0300 = 21755**, 17690, 17660, 17650, 17620*, 17565**, 12070*,
12060, 11750, 11720, 9945, 9480, 7330b, 7300

NOTES: b) - for Atlantic Area.

NOTES: *) - Till September, 6th; **) - Since September, 7th.

IMPORTANT:
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2. FREQUENCIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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http://www.vor.ru/Russian.htm
(Pavel Mikhaylov, Moscow, March RUS-DX via DXLD)

** SVO TOM… E PRÕNCIPE. 1530 MW, VOA Pinheira. I visited this IBB facility on Mar 13 and will make a full report later on. To follow up on recent information in the DX-Press about replacement of the antenna for the 600 kW MW transmitter carrying VOA programs towards Africa in the 0300-0630 and 1600-2230 timeframes, I saw the dismantled old antenna laying on the ground as a bunch of metal corroded by the salty air from the Atlantic Ocean being just about 100 meters away. A contractor was working on installing two new masts and told me that their work would be completed by the end of March 2003. Transmissions had already been done through the northernmost of these masts for about a month and I heard it with 55555 on both islands (Anker Petersen, S„o TomÈ e PrÌncipe, DSWCI DX Window March 26 via DXLD)

** SEYCHELLES. 11884.93, 0313-, FEBA, Mar 28. Presumably the second last day of transmission for this old friend. One of my all-time favourite Interval signals. Plenty of splatter above and below, but the IS punched through very well. Into presumed Swahili service, but talk was difficult to follow. Quite sure I did hear FEBA and Seychelles, though. USB is best. Already improving by 0318 with regional music. Talk by male at 0320:45 (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria, BC, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also LIBERIA!

** SEYCHELLES [non]. PRESS RELEASE Friday 28th March 2003
VT MERLIN SIGN MAJOR BROADCAST CONTRACT WITH FEBA RADIO

VT Merlin Communications, part of VT Group plc has signed a major contract with religious broadcaster Feba Radio to deliver their programming on its global short wave network, providing extensive coverage of Feba's key target regions, including the Middle East, Central Asia and Africa.

In addition to offering Feba the global and technical capability they require, the signing of this contract will see VT Merlin become Feba's prime transmission partner by offering the customer broadcast support services, including scheduling & frequency management, as well as consultancy.

Over fifteen hours of programming a day produced by Feba globally will be received by VT Merlin via FTP and then distributed to sites overseas for transmission on short wave, providing the coverage required by Feba.

Feba's programming is Christian in content giving input on topics as diverse as dealing with HIV or learning English. Programmes are made by national producers, who understand the needs of their listeners. Listeners tune in across Africa, Asia and the Middle East in a variety of languages.

Feba Radio's International Director, John Bartlett commented: "Feba is very pleased to be extending this relationship. We have found VT Merlin to be very understanding of our needs and look forward to continuing business with them."

Richard Hurd, VT Merlin's Head of Transmission Services said: "The signing of this contract and the development of our partnership with Feba has enabled us to offer a cost effective and comprehensive, added value broadcast service. The flexibility of VT Merlin's transmission network enables them to prioritise and put their listeners first. We look forward to developing our relationship with them". (via Hans Johnson, Mar 28, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

If they really ``put listeners first`` Merlin would not inundate us with even more gospel huxters (gh, DXLD)

** SINGAPORE [non]. Re Project Airwaves schedule: Delete Singapore relays:
15250 0100-0230 smtwtfs NEW SNG 100 13 NA FE
15265 0600-1100 smtwtfs NEW SNG 100 13 NA FE
13735 1100-1300 smtwtfs NEW SNG 100 13 NA FE

[but still:]
21510 0400-0530 [x0330-0600] smtwtfs NEW Dhabbaya 250 90 NA S AS
(Wolfgang Bueschel, BC-DX Mar 26 via DXLD)

** SLOVAKIA. Inicio emisiones espaÒol R. Eslovaquia
Esquema de transmisiones, Voz de Eslovaquia,
Verano 2003 (30.03.2003 - 26.10.2003)

Hora UT	RegiÛn	kHz	m
0230-0300	AmÈrica Central	6190	49
	AmÈrica del Sur	9440	31
	AmÈrica del Sur	11990	25
1430-1500	Europa Occidental	6055	49
	Europa Occidental	7345	41
	Europa O./AmÈrica del Sur	11600	25
2000-2030	Europa Occidental	6055	49
	Europa Occidental	7345	41
	Europa O./AmÈrica del Sur	11650	25

Radio Slovakia International, Mytna 1, P.O. Box 15,
817 55 Bratislava, Slovakia RSI_spanish@slovakradio.sk
(via RamÛn V·zquez Dourado, Spain, Mar 28, DXLD)

** SPAIN. Received the following in email today:

Dear Mr. Bastow, We have received your reception report and we regret to inform you that from January 2003 Radio Exterior de EspaÒa has cancelled temporarily the reception report verification service. REE will not issue QSL cards until this service is re-established, but we will be glad to answer any DX related letter or request. Thanking you for your interest in REE and in our programmes, we remain
Yours sincerely (Pilar Salvador, Relaciones con la Audiencia REE (via Wayne Bastow, Mar 24, ARDXC via DXLD)

** SWEDEN. RADIO SWEDEN--Coming up on Radio Sweden:

Thursday: In the "S-Files" we go to the far north of the country to a village of wooden huts set up for church goers
Friday: Our weekly review
Saturday: Repeat feature
Sunday: In "Sounds Nordic" Stockholm's new casino, Shebang, and music from the Internet

Don't forget our new shortwave schedule goes into effect on Sunday. See the last edition for the details, or check our website. You can order the schedule by automatic e-mail by writing to: sche-@sr.se [truncated, but we can guess] (SCDX/MediaScan Mar 26 via DXLD)

** SWITZERLAND [and non]. Swiss Radio International A03 Schedule:

Near East-Africa:
0600-French/ 0630-German/ 0700-Italian/ 0730-English on:
13650-Julich/Germany-200 deg
15445-Julich/Germany-160 deg
21750-Sottens/Switzerland-165 deg

0830-English/ 0900-Italian/ 0930-German/ 1000-French on:
21770-Sottens/Switzerland-165 deg

1630-Italian/ 1700-Arabic/ 1730-English/ 1800-French on:
13750-Julich/Germany-115 deg
15515-Julich/Germany-115 deg
17870-Sottens/Switzerland-140 deg

1830-Italian/ 1900-Arabic/ 1930-English/ 2030-German/ 2100-French on:
11815-Julich/Germany-160 deg
13645-Julich/Germany-200 deg
13795-Sottens/Switzerland-140 deg
15220-Montsinery/F.Guiana-115 deg

South America
2200-French/ 2230-German/ 2300-Italian/ 2330-English on:
 9885-Sottens/Switzerland-230 deg
11905-Montsinery/F.Guiana-175 deg

(via RamÛn V·zquez Dourado, Spain, DXLD)

** THAILAND. R. THAILAND A'03

Broadcast Schedule --- Radio Thailand, World Service
For listeners in Asia and the Pacific, Africa, Europe, and America on
the following frequencies: (as per A-03 seasonal change)
effective March 30, 2003

GMT	Language	kHz
0000-0030	English	9870
0030-0100	English	15395
0100-0200	Thai	15395
0300-0330	English	15395
0330-0430	Thai	15395
0530-0600	English	21795
1000-1100	Thai	11805
1100-1115	Vietnamese	7260
1115-1130	Khmer	7260
1130-1145	Lao	6030
1145-1200	Burmese	6030
1200-1215	Malaysian	11805
1215-1230	Indonesian	11805
1230-1300	English	9700
1300-1315	Japanese	11850
1315-1330	Mandarin	11850
1330-1400	Thai	11685
1400-1430	English	9830

1800-1900	Thai	9695
1900-2000	English	7155
2000-2015	German	9680
2015-2030	French	9680
2030-2045	English	9680
2045-2115	Thai	9680

Radio Thailand is part of the Government Public Relations Department, Royal Thai Government, Postal address: 236 Vibhavadi Rangsit Road, Din Daeng ñ Din Daeng, BKK10400 Tel. (662) 2771814, 277-6139(plus fax), 274-9098(recording) and 274-9099. Email address: amporns@mozart.inet.co.th website: http://www.prd.go.th

Regds, (via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, India, DXLD)

** TUNISIA. 15450, 1452-1515, R. Tunis, Mar 26. Arabic music at tune in. Weak but audible signal with fades. S1 signal level with peaks to S-3. Male announcer in Arabic at 1455. Qur`an heard at 1456. Female announcer at 1459 with ID in ENGLISH, Welcome to R. Tunisia. Very pleasant voice. Then to news items in Arabic with echo. Female announcer very fast talker. Echo so bad at times, even if I knew some Arabic not discernible. Did hear Iraq mentioned several times. Male announcer at 1502. Interludes of very soft music (Bob Montgomery, Levittown, PA, hard-core-dx via DXLD)

** TURKMENISTAN. Hi Glenn, Yesterday on Thu March 27 I heard Turkmen Radio from Asgabad broadcasting in English on 4930 kHz the 60 mb. Reception was quite superb on exactly 4930,00 kHz. They finished their English programme 1649 UT. Obviously they started 1630 UTC? WRTH gives wrong info on their English programmes. 73¥s (Jouko Huuskonen, Turku, FINLAND, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. Biographies of many people on or in the BBC:
http://www.bbc.co.uk/pressoffice/biographies/
(via Larry Nebron, DXLD)

** U K. TUSA ATTACKS BBC'S 'BARREN' ARTS COVERAGE
Claire Cozens Friday March 28, 2003
John Tusa, the former head of the BBC World Service, has accused the corporation of neglecting the arts, describing the BBC's arts coverage as "barren".
http://media.guardian.co.uk/broadcast/story/0,7493,924920,00.html
(via Jilly Dybka, TN, DXLD)

** U K. BBC BOSS ADMITS 'DAILY' MISTAKES IN IRAQ
Jason Deans, Friday March 28 2003, The Guardian

A senior BBC News executive today admitted that the reporting of

allied military claims in Iraq that later prove false, such as heralding the fall of Umm Qasr at least nine times, had "left the public feeling less well-informed than it should be".

Mark Damazer, the deputy director of BBC News, also admitted the BBC had been making mistakes "on a daily basis" during the first week of the Iraq conflict, but denied there was any deliberate bias towards either the pro or anti-war camps.

"I don't deny for a moment that the accumulation of things that have happened in the first week, such as the false claims about the fall of Umm Qasr and the surrender of the Iraqi 51st division, have left the public feeling they are not as well informed as they should be," Mr Damazer said.

"But it's perfectly proper for us to say 'a British defence source has said there's an uprising in Basra' and not report it as gospel truth. We attribute wherever possible to a source. The secret is attribution, qualification and scepticism," he added.

Mr Damazer said allegations by the anti-war lobby that the BBC had become "shackled" by the government and military were "profoundly ill-judged and unfair".

"Although it's unquestionably true that we make mistakes, and on a daily basis, we don't only make them in [a pro-war] direction," he added, speaking last night at a meeting of Media Workers Against the War.

Mr Damazer admitted one of the areas where the BBC had made mistakes was in its use of language, but that it was seeking to put this right.

"If we have used the word 'liberate' in our own journalism, as in 'such and such a place had been liberated by allied forces', that's a mistake," he said.

"That is the wrong language to use without evidence of Iraqi people feeling as though they have been liberated," Mr Damazer added.

He said it was also "not good" to open a news bulletin by announcing that the death of two soldiers was the "worst possible news for the armed forces".

Mr Damazer added that although the death of two soldiers was obviously the "worst possible news for their families", far worse things could happen on the battlefield with far greater loss of life, for which language such as "the worst possible news for the armed

forces" would be more appropriate.

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BBC CHIEFS STRESS NEED TO ATTRIBUTE WAR SOURCES
Claims and counter-claims in the media
Ciar Byrne, Thursday March 27 2003, The Guardian

BBC news chiefs have met to discuss the increasing problem of misinformation coming out of Iraq as staff concern grows at the series of premature claims and counter claims by military sources.

As a result the corporation has reinforced the message to correspondents that they must clearly attribute information to the military when it has not been backed up by another source.

"There's been a discussion about attribution and it's been reinforced with people that we do have to attribute military information," said a BBC spokeswoman.

"We have to be very careful in the midst of a conflict like this one to be very sure when we're reporting something we've not seen with our own eyes that we attribute it," she added.

On nearly every day of the war so far there have been reports that could be seen as favourable to coalition forces, which have later turned out to be inaccurate.

Earlier this week there was confusion over whether there had been an uprising in the key southern city of Basra. A British forces spokesman, Group Captain Al Lockwood, said on Thursday there had been a "popular uprising", but this was denied by Iraqi authorities.

By last Sunday the southern Iraqi seaport of Umm Qasr had been reported "taken" nine times, while reports of the discovery of a chemical weapons factory in An Najaf have not been confirmed - just two more examples of the confusion over what is coming out of military sources.

"We're absolutely sick and tired of putting things out and finding they're not true. The misinformation in this war is far and away worse than any conflict I've covered, including the first Gulf war and Kosovo," said a senior BBC news source.

"On Saturday we were told they'd taken Basra and Nassiriya and then subsequently found out neither were true. We're getting more truth out of Baghdad than the Pentagon at the moment. Not because Baghdad is putting out pure and morally correct information but because

they're less savvy about it, I think.

"I don't know whether they [the Pentagon] are putting out flyers in the hope that we'll run them first and ask questions later or whether they genuinely don't know what's going on - I rather suspect the latter."

Earlier this week the BBC's director of news, Richard Sambrook, admitted it was proving difficult for journalists in Iraq to distinguish truth from false reports, and that the pressures facing reporters on 24-hour news channels had led to premature or inaccurate stories.

Veteran war correspondent Martin Bell has called for 24-hour news channels to "curb their excitability" and warned against unsubstantiated reports which may help the allied cause, but later turn out to be false.

The Times journalist Janine di Giovanni has also said that the demands of real-time television, combined with the restrictions placed on reporters in Baghdad by the Iraqis and the difficulties of getting to the front line are making it virtually impossible for journalists to cover the war properly.

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** U K. HOW MUSIC AND FILMS LOSE OUT BECAUSE OF WAR (Filed: 28/03/2003)

TV and radio stations are reacting to the fighting by making some changes to their schedules. Matt Born reports

Last week, a confidential memo to staff at MTV, the music television station, was published on the internet - to the acute embarrassment of the channel's chiefs. "In light of the outbreak of war in Iraq in the last 12 hours Ö we recommend that videos featuring the following are not shown at the moment: war, soldiers, riots and social unrest, executions, other obviously sensitive material," it said. Fans of Britney Spears will be blissfully unaffectedÖ.
http://news.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2003/03/28/nmed228.xml
(via Bill Westenhaver, DXLD)

** U K [non]. RADIO WAVES FOR THE FORCES
By Katie Smith, BBC News Online entertainment staff

The British Forces Broadcasting Service (BFBS) is celebrating its 60th birthday by being relayed to more than 20,000 troops on duty in the GulfÖ

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/entertainment/2889035.stm
(via Jilly Dybka, DXLD) Handling lots of dedications. No mention of recent addition of SW! But then we know how BBC feels about that outmoded medium (gh, DXLD)

Hello Glenn, The link below leads to an article about 'Greetings via BFBS in Gulf Region'. They mention they van now hear BFBS via 'SW and FM transmitters in the region'.

BFBS-RADIO SENDET GR‹fIE AN DEN GOLF
Auf der Seite
http://www.rp-online.de/special/irak-krise/2003-0327/bfbs.html
gibt es einen Artikel ¸ber 'Gruesse via BFBS in der Golfregion' :
BFBS-Radio sendet Gr¸fle an den Golf "Dad, wann kommst du wieder?"
(via Martin Schoech, Mar 27, DXLD)

(3/28/03, 10 a.m. ET) -- The Animals' 1960s hit "We've Got To Get Out Of This Place" and Thin Lizzy's 1976 hit "The Boys Are Back In Town" are among the top songs on BFBS (British Forces Broadcasting Service) Radio, serving British troops stationed in the Persian Gulf during "Operation Iraqi Freedom."
http://launch.yahoo.com/read/news.asp?contentID=212819
(via Jilly Dybka, DXLD)

** U K (presumed). 9800, BFBS 1830 till abrupt sign off at 1900, "G3" technology programme with Dave Raven, good signal, programme straight copy of old Media Network's radio programme with various gurus talking about electronic gadgets, 3G phones, DVD players etc. Gave contact address as dave.raven@bfbs.com The answer to their quiz question is "Watson and Crick". (26th March) (David Norrie, Auckland, NZ, AOR 7030, hard-core-dx via DXLD)

This would be a new transmission, extending an hour later than before (gh, DXLD)

** U K [non]. UZBEKISTAN? 13720, 0301-, BFBS, Mar 28. English accented news, with TC for 5 minutes past 6 (I think). Poor to fair, but superior to 6135. Into modern music (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria, BC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K [non]. A'03 Summer Schedule of Bible Voice (BVB) (March 30, 2003 - October 26, 2003) [all these frequencies were labeled `mhz` but I assume they were meant to be kHz. No info whatsoever on sites, even languages, tho I suppose this has been researched before --- gh]

MIDDLE EAST
7430
1700-1815 M-F

1700-1900 Saturday
1700-2000 Sunday

13710
1900-1930 Thurs
1900-2000 Friday
1900-2000 Saturday

17180 [sic!!!]
0900-1000 Friday

15680
1530-1730 M-F
1515-1730 Saturday
1515-1800 Sunday

EAST AFRICA
13810
1630-1700 Daily
1630-1730 Tues/Wed/Fri/Sat

CENTRAL AFRICA
13725
1900-1915 M-F
1900-2030 Sat
2000-2030 Sun

INDIA
17540
0200-0300 Sat/Sun

11975
0030-0100 Mon-Sat

9610
0200-0230 Daily

7180
0030-0100 Daily

17655
1530-1616 M/T
1530-1630 Wed-Sun

EAST EUROPE/RUSSIA
5970
1800-1815 Mond-Friday
1800-1900 Sat/Sun

WEST EUROPE/UK
5975
0700-0745 M-F
0700-0815 Sat/Sun

CHINA
13590
1145-1300 M-F

VIETNAM
6070
1400-1500 Sat

9540
1500-1600 Daily

bible-@sympatico.ca [truncated; or maybe CANADA non?]
Best regards, (via Vasily Gulyaev. Astrakhan, Russia, EDXP via DXLD)

** U S A. The Armed Forces Radio & Television Service (AFRTS) makes interesting listening at this time! I tried a number of their frequencies, but only had luck hearing 6350 usb [Hawai`i] at 1155 UT with a war updates for servicemen. ID and news at 1200. Programming is far more upbeat on the progress with the war than is VOA (a bit like listening to the cable FOX News service....plenty of hype and gung-ho!!). (Rob VK3BVW Wagner, Melbourne, Australia, FRG100, Sangean 909, Icom ham IC701 transceiver, Dipoles and longwires, Mar 21, EDXP via DXLD)

** U S A. VOA COVERAGE OF GULF WAR

Washington, D.C., March 24, 2003 -- VOA has deployed experienced war correspondents throughout the Middle East, including four journalists embedded with the U.S. Army and Marines and on two aircraft carriers in the Persian Gulf. VOA teams are also reporting from Doha, Qatar; Amman, Jordan; Cairo, Egypt; Jerusalem, Israel; the United Nations; in Washington from the White House, Pentagon, State Department, Capitol Hill; and from capital cities around the world.

Following President Bush`s announcement of the start of hostilities, VOA immediately shifted to an all-news format. In addition, VOAís broadcasts in the regionís languages have bolstered their schedules.

VOA Broadcast Highlights:
Kurdish - increased from 1 to 4 hours daily on shortwave and Internet;
Persian - broadcast 4 hours daily, plus expanded Website services and

enhanced news content in 2 1/2 hours weekly of TV simulcasts;
English - 24 hours on FM in Kuwait (heard in parts of Iraq and also heard by members of the U.S. armed forces in the region.);
TV Newsline - 30-minute Monday to Friday news and information program full of stories about the latest news, along with background reports and interviews on what it all means, broadcast via satellite and through affiliate stations;
Arabic - VOA Arabic news Website (VOA Press Release via DXLD)

So here`s the current Kurdish schedule from IBB Monitoriong; third column is the `network` i.e., audio feed routing:

KURD VOA G 0400 0500 IRA 01 15115 299
KURD VOA G 0400 0500 BIB 01 9705 105
KURD VOA G 0400 0500 KAV 10 7200 105

KURD VOA G 1300 1400 MOR 03 17780 075
KURD VOA G 1300 1400 KAV 02 15215 095
KURD VOA G 1300 1400 KAV 09 11845 108

KURD VOA G 1600 1700 MOR 01 15250 067
KURD VOA G 1600 1700 MOR 03 11875 067
KURD VOA G 1600 1700 KAV 03 7240 105

KURD VOA H1 1800 1900 MOR 07 12030 075
KURD VOA H1 1800 1900 MOR 05 11805 075
KURD VOA H1 1800 1900 BIB 06 6115 105
(via Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. A LOCAL LIFE: TIBOR S. BORGIDA. VOA FOCUSED EMIGRE'S MISSION === For 40 years at VOA and its predecessor agencies, he produced radio broadcasts about world news and the people and events in the United States, where he had found a haven from the Holocaust and a refuge from the pervasive anti-Semitism in Central and Eastern Europe in the prewar years....
http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A9032-2003Mar22.html
(via Jilly Dybka, TN, DXLD)

** U S A. Saw this reported on aus.radio.scanner

Well VOA is broadcasting a special service for you know who, right now on 30.270 (FM) and it's S5 in Qld at 0946 [A]EST. Seems a bit weird. Worth a try? (Richard Jary, Mar 23, ARDXC via DXLD) 2 x 15135?

I gave this a listen and got a good sig. I found out that Lorraine thinks Susan is a cow. Paul wants to "enjoy" Lisa's company. Mike hates his job. John will be home late coz he`s in the pub. Then I realised 30.270 is in the middle of the cordless phone band. Hot

damn, my neighbours have a more interesting life then me (Jem Cullen, ibid.)

** U S A. ANALYSIS: U.S. FACES TOUGH TASK IN WOOING ARABS Copyright © 2003 Nando Media Copyright © 2003 AP Online By GEORGE GEDDA, Associated Press WASHINGTON (March 26, 12:33 a.m. AST) - Radio Sawa, the U.S. government broadcast operation beamed to Arabs, has swung into high gear these days because of the Iraq war. Regularly scheduled news programming has almost doubled, and like its commercial counterparts, the station is on a news-as-it-happens basis.... http://www.adn.com/24hour/iraq/story/827486p-5838950c.html (via Jilly Dybka, TN, DXLD)

** U S A. CONFLICT WITH IRAQ: PROPAGANDA YET ANOTHER FRONT IN IRAQ WAR -- Saturday, March 29, 2003 By MURIEL DOBBIN, McCltchy Newspapers WASHINGTON --- The United States may score a military victory in Iraq, but propaganda experts warn that winning the war of communication with the enemy may turn out to be just as significant. http://www.naplesnews.com/03/03/naples/d902886a.htm (via Jilly Dybka, TN, DXLD)

** U S A. Re KVOH Spurs: That would be 17921, 18067, 18213... any further? And below, that would be 17629, 17483, 17337... any further? (gh, DXLD)

Those 3 sets above and below are what I could hear with an S9+ fundamental here in Nashville. I guess at the transmitter site they could extend several more multiples (David Hodgson, TN, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Just to let you know, we are still testing our second transmitter in Upton on 13.595 MHz. We've had a persistent problem with two power supplies, but we feel we will have it resolved shortly. We finalized the agreement on the three 100 kW's in the Seychelles, and our engineer will be going there later in April to begin the dismantling process (Doc Burkhart, WJIE, March 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also LIBERIA; and top for additional WORLD OF RADIO times

** U S A. 5919.97, 0254-, WBOH, Mar 28. Wondering if this is the official sign-on of the SW station. Thanking the Lord for expanding the listening audience of FBN. Mentioned that it's heard in Lithuania [via 9710 relay], 36 countries and 49 states. Transmitter cut-off at 0300 (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria, BC, DX LISTENING DIGEST) I wonder which state is missing, and why?? Seems impossible that their signal could not reach every state including the far flung ones. Maybe just being modest; not to mention more than only 36 countries (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. WWCR A03 Summer Schedule

Transmitter #1 - 100 KW - 46 Degrees

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 9475 1000-1100 30 Mar 03-05 Apr 03
15825 1100-2200 30 Mar 03-05 Apr 03
 9475 2200-0000 30 Mar 03-05 Apr 03
 3210 0000-1000 30 Mar 03-05 Apr 03

 9475 0900-1000 06 Apr 03-31 May 03
15825 1000-2200 06 Apr 03-31 May 03
 9475 2200-0000 06 Apr 03-31 May 03
 3210 0000-0900 06 Apr 03-31 May 03

 9475 0900-1000 01 Jun 03-31 Aug 03
15825 1000-2200 01 Jun 03-31 Aug 03
 9475 2200-0100 01 Jun 03-31 Aug 03
 3210 0100-0900 01 Jun 03-31 Aug 03

 9475 0900-1000 01 Sep 03-25 Oct 03
15825 1000-2200 01 Sep 03-25 Oct 03
 9475 2200-0000 01 Sep 03-25 Oct 03
 3210 0000-0900 01 Sep 03-25 Oct 03
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Transmitter #2 - 100 KW - 85 Degrees [Dr. Gene Scott only]

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13845 1300-0100 30 Mar 03-05 Apr 03
 5935 0100-1300 30 Mar 03-05 Apr 03

13845 1200-0100 06 Apr 03-31 May 03
 5935 0100-1200 06 Apr 03-31 May 03

13845 1200-0200 01 Jun 03-31 Aug 03
 5935 0200-1200 01 Jun 03-31 Aug 03

13845 1200-0100 01 Sep 03-25 Oct 03
 5935 0100-1200 01 Sep 03-25 Oct 03
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Transmitter #3 - 100 KW - 40 Degrees

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12160 1300-2300 30 Mar 03-05 Apr 03
 5070 2300-1300 30 Mar 03-05 Apr 03

12160 1200-2300 06 Apr 03-31 May 03
 5070 2300-1200 06 Apr 03-31 May 03

12160 1200-0000 01 Jun 03-31 Aug 03
 5070 0000-1200 01 Jun 03-31 Aug 03
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12160 1200-2300 01 Sep 03-25 Oct 03
 5070 2300-1200 01 Sep 03-25 Oct 03

Transmitter #4 - 100 KW - 90 Degrees [Brother Stair only]

 9475 1400-2200 30 Mar 03-05 Apr 03
 7465 2200-0500 30 Mar 03-05 Apr 03
 7560 0500-1400 30 Mar 03-05 Apr 03

 9475 1300-2200 06 Apr 03-31 May 03
 7465 2200-0400 06 Apr 03-31 May 03
 7560 0400-1300 06 Apr 03-31 May 03

 9475 1300-2200 01 Jun 03-31 Aug 03
 7465 2200-0400 01 Jun 03-31 Aug 03
 7560 0400-1300 01 Jun 03-31 Aug 03

 9475 1300-2200 01 Sep 03-25 Oct 03
 7465 2200-0400 01 Sep 03-25 Oct 03
 7560 0400-1300 01 Sep 03-25 Oct 03

(WWCR via Daniel Sampson, http://www.primetimeshortwave.com DXLD)

** U S A [or non]. Hola Glenn, Saludos desde Catia La Mar, VENEZUELA. Las radios piratas norteamericanas confirman con QSL los reportes de recepciÛn. Al menos asÌ lo hace UNDERCOVER RADIO, una de las asiduas ilegales en el rango 6925-6955kHz. En dÌas pasados recibÌ un paquete contentivo de un CD con 10 tracks (con la programaciÛn de la estaciÛn y la seÒal de intervalo), una hoja informativa y una vistosa QSL con el slogan: UNDERCOVER RADIO, broadcasting from the Middle of Nowhere. El material esta firmado por un tal Dr. Benway. Seg˙n la descripciÛn de la QSL, se trata de un transmisor casero de 200 watts (mÛvil). La confirmaciÛn es de una transmisiÛn del pasado 13/02. Me llamÛ la atenciÛn de que a pesar de que el remitente es un P.O. Box 293, ubicado en Ontario, las estampillas del paquete eran estadounidenses. Sin duda, es genial recibir este tipo de QSL's debido a su rareza y poco tiraje. Dentro de unos aÒos tendr·n un valor incalculable. Saludos, (AD¡N GONZ¡LEZ, Catia La Mar, VENEZUELA, Mar 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. ENFORCEMENT: THE FCC VS. K1MAN - AGAIN

The FCC has again written to Maine radio amateur Glenn Baxter, K1MAN, regarding he operates his Amateur Radio station. Amateur Radio Newsline`s Paul Courson, WA3VJB, is in Washington with the details: In its latest letter to Glenn Baxter, K1MAN, the Commission says he has not corrected problems that prompted their letter in January,

which was based on monitored information and numerous complaints to the FCC. The FCC claims that Baxter`s Amateur Radio station is apparently being used for broadcasting non-ham radio matter including programs, talk shows, and children`s shows. The agency also alleges transmissions from his station are being used for deliberate interference and for communications where Baxter apparently is trying to make money.

The FCC also notes that some of the transmissions start and stop erratically, and leave the air with no identification as required by Commission rules. An enforcement official who wrote the letter said such operation indicates the transmissions are not under the control of a licensed operator. The FCC goes on to say that the transmissions from Baxter`s station are tape recordings, which themselves wouldn`t be illegal, but that in some cases it sounds to the FCC as if the recordings may have been questionably taken from an answering machine and off the telephone and broadcast without full compliance with the law. Enforcement authorities also wrote some of the transmissions are repetitive, apparently for weeks, of the same telephone calls.

Baxter has raised controversy for years with what he portrays as a daily bulletin service on 14.272, 3.972 and 3.890 MHz, prompting interference complaints from sideband and AM communities alike. Baxter has patterned his program to the style of commercial talk radio, right down to having a toll free telephone number for listeners to call in and chat. The FCC wants Baxter to respond to its latest letter to decide what if anything to do next. For the Amateur Radio Newsline(tm), I`m Paul Courson, WA3VJB, near FCC headquarters in Washington. This latest letter to Baxter came from Vincent F. Kajunski who is the FCC`s District Director in Boston Massachusetts. Kajunski also directed K1MAN to submit weekly reports detailing certain aspects of his stations on air operations. (FCC) (Amateur Radio Newsline Mar 28 via John Norfolk, DXLD)

** U S A. Website for KHPY-1670 California, changed to Spanish religion: http://www.elsembradorministries.com/KHPY.html (Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, Dxing.info via DXLD)

** U S A. RFI has signed a contract with the US University of Illinois on broadcasting programmes in French 24 hours a day. RFI is broadcast on 99.7 FM only on the university campus (RFI via BBCM; full story under France, DXLD) Which campus?? UIUC? Licensed as? Translator? Satellator? LPFM? Part 15? (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. POLICEWARE COMING
http://www.stoppoliceware.org/rip_mix_burn_jail.php

WHAT IS THE CBDTPA?

The CBDTPA is a bill (S. 2048) proposed in Congress by Senators Fritz Hollings (D-SC) and Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), along with Senators Daniel Inouye (D-HI), John Breaux (D-LA), Bill Nelson (D-FL), and Dianne Feinstein (D-CA). The acronym stands for "Consumer Broadband and Digital Television Promotion Act". Note that the CBDTPA was originally known as the "SSSCA" while in draft form.

WHAT WOULD THIS LAW DO?

The law would force all new personal computers and digital home entertainment devices sold in the United States to have government-approved "policeware" built-in. This policeware would restrict your use of copyrighted material on these devices -- including music files and CD's, video clips, DVD's, e-books, and more.

WHO COULD GO TO JAIL?

You, if you're one of the millions of Americans who uses your computers to burn music CD's, listen to MP3's, share video files, etc. You'd face up to five years in federal prison and a $500,000 fine. Think you'd be able to get around the law by removing the policeware from your personal computer? Think again -- anyone who defies the government by disabling or tampering with the policeware on their own computer, in the privacy of their own home or business, would also face five years in the slammer.

Since alternative operating systems like Linux and FreeBSD would most likely refuse to incorporate government policeware into their code, users of these open-source systems would also be eligible for hard time.

HOW CAN WE FIGHT THIS?

If we have any hope of keeping government policeware off of our personal computers and home entertainment devices, we must act quickly and decisively. For starters, you can sign our petition opposing the CBDTPA, contact your representative in Washington, tell a friend about this site, and put a banner on your own web site. Also, if you're a constituent, feel free to contact the CBDTBA's sponsors in the Senate to let them know how you feel. Please be polite and well-reasoned.

- Senator Fritz Hollings (D-SC) - (202) 224-6121
- Senator Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) - (202) 224-3004
- Senator Daniel Inouye (D-HI) - (202) 224-3934
- Senator John Breaux (D-LA) - (202) 224-4623
- Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL) - (202) 224-5274
- Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) - (202) 224-3841

- Capitol switchboard -- call YOUR Senator! - (202) 224-3121

Finally, the Senate Judiciary Committee has set up a page where you can share your thoughts: Click Here to Visit. PLEASE NOTE that it's more effective to contact your Senator directly -- if you post a comment to the above page, please be sure to make a printout and mail / fax it to your Senator. Thanks for joining the fight (via Michael McCarty, DXLD)

** U S A. Heard via Guam delay before 1800 UT a caller to Jim Bohannon (who`s a hawk when it comes to war) mention that he`s on live webcast via WNTK in New Hampshire. I looked at http://www.wntk.com and indeed he`s on the schedule M-F at 10 pm to 1 am ET, and the station does webcast, tho server alert when I checked:
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http://audio.wntk.com:7072/ramgen/wntk/wntk.smi
(Glenn Hauser, Mar 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. HITTING THE RIGHT NOTE TO GO WITH WAR NEWS
AROUND THE DIAL By Steve Carney, Special To The Times

During their network's coverage of the Iraq war, National Public Radio executives say they're working hard to strike the right balance -- conveying the gravity of the situation without veering toward pacifism or jingoism. And that's just for part of the broadcast they believe most listeners notice only in passing.

The music between segments on NPR's news programming is supposed to be unobtrusive, primarily serving as a cushion to ensure that every report ends the second it is supposed to. The interludes also offer listeners a chance to reflect and take a breather between storiesÖ.
http://www.latimes.com/la-et-carney28mar28001425,0,6449718.story
(via Bill Westenhaver, DXLD)

** U S A. FOR BROADCAST MEDIA, PATRIOTISM PAYS By Paul Farhi

Now, apparently, is the time for all good radio and TV stations to come to the aid of their country's war. That is the message pushed by broadcast news consultants, who've been advising news and talk stations across the nation to wave the flag and downplay protest against the war. "Get the following production pieces in the studio NOW: . . . Patriotic music that makes you cry, salute, get cold chills! Go for the emotion," advised McVay Media, a Cleveland-based consultant, in a "War Manual" memo to its station clients. ". . . Air the National Anthem at a specified time each day as long as the USA is at war." The company, which describes itself as the largest radio consultant in the world, also has been counseling talk show stations to "Make sure your hosts aren't 'over the top.' Polarizing

discussions are shaky ground. This is not the time to take cheap shots to get reaction . . . not when our young men and women are 'in harm's way.' "Ö To view the entire article, go to http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A40057-2003Mar27.html (via Bill Westenhaver, Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** U S A. March 20, 2003 CLEAR CHANNEL CEO GETS $1.98M BONUS Lowrey Mays, chairman and chief executive officer for Clear Channel Communication, received a bonus of $1.98 million with his $1 million salary last year... http://dayton.bizjournals.com/dayton/stories/2003/03/17/daily37.html (via Jilly Dybka, TN, DXLD)

** U S A. CAN THEY SAY THAT ON RADIO?! ''There is no code of uniformity when it comes to what is judged indecent by differing radio stations, especially across formats'' such as top 40, urban and rock, said Tom Taylor of the industry publication Inside Radio and Industry... http://tennessean.com/entertainment/news/archives/03/03/30678633.shtml?Element_ID=30678633 (via Jilly Dybka, TN, DXLD)

** VIETNAM. 4796, Son La R and TV Station, Son La, is no longer broadcasting its morning program at 2200-0100. Only heard with the evening program 1200-1400, Feb 28 and Mar 2 (Roland Schulze, Philippines, DSWCI DX Window Mar 26 via DXLD)

** ZAMBIA. 5915, 0245-, Radio One, Mar 28. ZNBC heard at fair to good levels with fish eagle IS, that used to be heard so well on 6265. Still half-decent here, but use LSB to avoid splatter from WBOH (I'm assuming) on 5920. Continued until 0250:45, then into NA. Talk in Vernacular at 0253. Sounds like a speech to an enthusiastic crowd (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria, BC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE. 5975, ZBC, National FM, back here throughout the day, heard past 2200, Mar 08, mainly in Vernacular, lots of Afro pops, excellent signal here. No other frequency seems to be in use (Vaclav Korinek, RSA, via Dxplorer via DSWCI DX Window Mar 26 via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5015.17, TCN Network, Gensis [sic] Broadcasting in EE. 0320-0500 Call in talk show with host Alex Jones. Talk show topics mostly that of the Iraqi war and American Patriots. Noted all adverts not of local type. Organic seed.com, some water filter was mentioned, Tiny Tenna. No city noted but Alex Jones says he was located in Texas. I never heard a station ID but only mentions of TCN Network and Gensis Broadcasting. S 5 signal level. Checked for // stations and none found. This did not appear to be a spur as very clear sharp het, no drifting noted and only slight fades. No idea who this might

be (28 Mar 03, Bon Montgomery, PA, hard-core-dx via DXLD)

Did you rule out WWRB 5085? As we have repeatedly had to point out, this station puts a mixing product with its 5050 transmitter on 5015 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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CIA FACTBOOK

Anyone got the ISBN number of a good book that list Countries with info about their politics, economic situation, main Industries, tourism Geographical significance etc. Always a good bet when writing to stations in different countries is to know about more about the country -- don't you think !! Readers Digest produced a good one years ago, but its well out of date now. Any help much appreciated. Thanks (Richard Lowis, UK, dxing.info via DXLD)

Try the "CIA Factbook", http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/ Greetings, (Martin Elbe, ibid.)

PROPAGATION
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After last week's burst of activity the flare action has calmed down with nothing worth noting since Mar 20. The solar wind remained elevated until Mar 24 resulting in periods of geomagnetic disturbance and in variable ionospheric depressions at low latitudes and extended localised periods of disturbance at high latitudes. Solar wind speed has again picked up in the last day with a southward influence again leading to disturbed conditions however this is expected to calm down soon and conditions should be good for the next week. Prepared using data from http://www.ips.gov.au (Richard Jary, SA, Mar 28, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD) ###
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